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DETAILED ACTION

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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on December 16, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the twice amended claim 1 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 and MPEP 1453. For example, the deletion in brackets as filed in the preliminary amendment dated 1/28/2000 must remain in the present amendment. The word "thereby" as filed in the preliminary amendment must be underlined in the present amendment. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-0163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Scherbel, can be reached at (703) 308-1272. The fax number for this Group is (703) 305-3579.

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An inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 308-1148.

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